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Intelligence Shake-Up

The Central Intelligence Agency has long been a controversial body, and since the recent abortive invasion of Cuba, it has generally been felt that some changes were vitally necessary. This criticism has not been aimed primarily at individuals in the agency, although of course the director, Allen Dulles, has come under fire in some instances. Mainly, however, it has been felt that the agency's powers were too broad, and its duties too diverse.

Now, apparently, a major overhauling of the CIA is about to take place. It will lose its function as chief evaluator of all intelligence, and will be placed on a par with other members of the so-called "intelligence community," such as the Defense Department intelligence, the FBI, etc.

And the chief intelligence adviser to the president would not longer be head of the CIA as well, but would operate independently, without ties to any government agency. At least this is the word that is leaking out of Washington these days, along with news of changes in the Defense Department's intelligence setup.

Whether these changes will make for a stronger U. S. intelligence system remains to be seen. We can only hope so, for our very lives depend upon our government's accurate knowledge of what is going on in the rest of the world. The deplorably planned and executed invasion of Cuba shows vividly the disastrous results of poor intelligence. This is a field where there is no room for major blunders.